

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 2)

Level 2

Credits 40

Purpose

This qualification recognises the entry level skills and knowledge of a person working in, or planning on working in, the aquaculture sector of the seafood industry. While all holders of the qualification will have achieved at the same level, flexibility within the structure of the certificate allows different sectors of the aquaculture industry to tailor programmes to meet the skill needs of employees and employers.

The qualification is comprised of two elective sections. Elective One allows candidates to choose the relevant entry level skills and knowledge from the Aquaculture domain that apply to their proposed career path. Elective Two allows candidates to complement the choices made in Elective One with related skills and knowledge that support their current role and/or proposed career path. This flexibility allows for recognition of the range of skills and knowledge, both practical and theoretical, required in the aquaculture sector.

This qualification provides a pathway to the National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 3) [Ref: 1620].

Credit Range

	Elective One	Elective Two
Level 2 credits	20-35	0-5
Level 3 or above credits	0-15	0-5
Minimum totals	35	5

Requirements for Award of Qualification

Award of NZQF National Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/standards/standards-exclusion-list/>.

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (ID). Any version of a standard with the same ID may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the ID and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

Summary of Requirements

- A minimum of 40 credits
- Elective One – A minimum of 35 credits as specified
- Elective Two – Balance

Detailed Requirements

Elective One

A minimum of 35 credits

- Of which a minimum of 20 credits at Level 2

Field	Subfield	Domain
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Seafood	Aquaculture

Elective Two

The balance of credits to achieve

A minimum of 40 credits

May come from the following

Health > Health Studies > First Aid

ID	Title	Level	Credit
26551	Provide first aid for life threatening conditions	2	1
26552	Demonstrate knowledge of common first aid conditions and how to respond to them	2	1

Health > Occupational Health and Safety > Occupational Health and Safety Practice

ID	Title	Level	Credit
497	Demonstrate knowledge of workplace health and safety requirements	1	3

Service Sector > Commercial Road Transport > Goods Service

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1754	Operate truck-mounted load lifting equipment	2	3

Service Sector > Lifting Equipment > Powered Industrial Lift Trucks

ID	Title	Level	Credit
10851	Operate a powered industrial lift truck (forklift)	3	7
10852	Operate a powered industrial lift truck (forklift) fitted with attachments	3	3

Field	Subfield	Domain
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Seafood	Any
Māori	Seafood Māori	Any
Service Sector	Maritime	Any

Transition Arrangements

Version 3

Version 3 was issued following a review of the qualification. The Aquaculture advisory group (consisting of industry experts, workplace assessors, and education provider assessors) consulted on the credit size, flexibility, fitness for purpose, industry endorsement, use and completion of the qualification.

Changes to structure and content

- Structure was updated from a compulsory and elective section to two elective sections.
- Overall the credit total reduced from 62 to 40 credits.
- Compulsory standard 497 was moved to Elective Two.
- Expiring first aid standards 6400, 6401 and 6402 were replaced by standards 26551 and 26552 and the subsequent exemptions were included.
- Standards 1754, 10851 and 10852 were added to Elective Two.
- Standards 6213, 16340, 16337, 16672, 16673, 17253, 17254, 19851, and 19852 while no longer specified in the qualification can still be used to meet the elective requirements.

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the new version of the qualification.

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to version 1 or version 2 may either complete that version or, transfer their results to version 3.

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
6400, 6401, 6402	26551, 26552

It is the intention of the Seafood Industry Training Organisation that no one is disadvantaged by this review. Anyone who thinks that they may have been disadvantaged should, in the first instance, contact the Seafood Industry Training Organisation at the address below.

Previous versions of the qualification

Version 2 was issued following a review. There were minor changes made to ensure the titles and credits listed were accurate, and to remove the requirement to use the current level and credit values of Aquaculture standards regardless of the version held by the candidate.

Version 1 of this qualification replaced the National Certificate in Aquaculture (Oyster Farming) [Ref: 0648], the National Certificate in Aquaculture (Mussel Farming and Harvesting) [Ref: 0658] and the National Certificate in Aquaculture (Abalone Farming) [Ref: 0764].

The main changes from the review included: combining the three qualifications into one; inclusion of health and safety and first aid standards; inclusion of species specific biology and industry overview standards; allowing for flexibility in terms of options for skill specific standards.

NZQF National Qualification Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	December 2003	December 2013
Review	2	April 2009	December 2013
Review	3	March 2011	N/A

Standard Setting Body

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Planned Review

Any person or organisation may contribute to the review of this qualification by sending feedback to the standard setting body at the above address.

Next Review	2014
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Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

Competenz
New Zealand Industry Training Organisation
NZQA
Tranzqual ITO

Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, Seafood ITO and the organisation that has been granted consent to assess against standards that meet the requirements of the qualification (accredited).

Classification

This qualification is classified according to the classification system listed on the Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS) and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

DAS Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
1059	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Seafood > Aquaculture	050701	Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies > Fisheries Studies > Aquaculture

Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Accreditation requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) for each standard.